

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

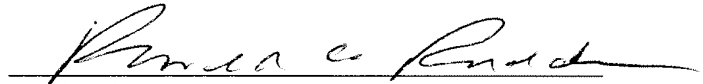
After entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 5-7, 13, 14, and 21-25 are pending in the present application, Claims 1-4, 8-12, and 15-20 having been previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, Claims 5-7, 13, and 14 having been amended by way of the present amendment, and Claims 21-25 having been added by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 5-7, 13, and 14 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. In the last filed response, these claims were rewritten to be in independent form. Presently, new Claims 21-25 have been added reciting similar subject matter as Claims 5-7, 13, and 14, but written as apparatus claims. Claims 6 and 7 are presently amended to correct a minor informality. Claims 5-7, 13, and 14 are presently amended to more specifically define the correlation associated with the claimed third sub block. Applicant's specification supports this clarification at least in the section titled "First Embodiment." Therefore, no new matter is added.

In view of the present amendment and in light of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the invention defined by Claims 5-7, 13, 14, as amended, and Claims 21-25, is patentably distinguishing over the prior art. The present application is therefore believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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